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LETTER DATED 17 MARCH 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that the United States Air Force continued to violate Iraqi airspace during the period from 6 to 13 March 1992 for the purpose of surveillance and provocation, as follows:

6-7 March 1992

Nineteen sorties, flown by nine two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 700-800 km/h and at altitudes of 4,000-7,000 m, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

7-8 March 1992

Three sorties, flown by one two-aircraft formation and one single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at an altitude of 4,000 m, centred on Zakho and Amadiyah.

8-9 March 1992

Sixteen sorties, flown by eight two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-6,500 m, centred on Mosul, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Dohuk and Zakho.

9-10 March 1992

Thirty-six sorties, flown by 18 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 2,000-8,000 m, centred on Mosul, Tall Afar, Irbil, Zakho, Amadiyah and Dohuk.

10-11 March 1992

Thirty-nine sorties, flown by 18 two-aircraft formations and three single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 2,500-7,000 m, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Irbil, Mosul, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah and Tall Afar.

11-12 March 1992

Twenty-five sorties, flown by 11 two-aircraft formations and three single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 2,500-6,000 m, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, the area to the west of Rawanduz, Ayn Zalah, Mosul, Tall Afar, Irbil and Amadiyah.

12-13 March 1992

Five sorties, flown by five two-aircraft formations, one three-aircraft formation and two single aircraft at speeds of 600-800 km/h and at altitudes of 5,500-7,000 m, centred on Amadiyah, Zakho, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Mosul, Irbil and Tall Afar.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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